This first set of projects - for construction and maintenance of facilities, roads, and trails, and abandoned mine mitigation and for wildland fire management projects - comprise 10% of the total projects being funded in the Forest Service under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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ALABAMA

Southern Research Station

Facilities Improvement

Funding: \$550,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

County: Lee

USFS Research facility on the campus of Auburn University will be upgraded to make more energy efficient and to qualify for LEED Building Certification.

ALASKA

Alaskan Urban-Rural-Native Communities Hazardous Fuels Project

Funding: \$1,500,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Valdez-Cordova

Working with partners in the Native Communities, this project will reduce fuels build up from insect infestation across the region and provide biomass for fuels.

Administrative Facilities Reconstruction and Maintenance

Funding: \$985,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Valdez-Cordova

Census Area, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area

This project bundles several separate FA&O facilities projects located at Petersburg, Wrangell, Cordova, and Kenai, Alaska with a total cost of \$985,000.

Tongass Road Reconstruction

Funding: \$1,450,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Hoonah

This project will resurface 18 miles of community connected roads, stores 20 miles of Maintenance Level 2 roads, removes 120 deficient culverts and will result in 10 blocked fish crossings being reopened for fish passage. It also removes \$860,000 in backlogged deferred maintenance

ARIZONA

Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects

Funding: \$3,125,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Gila

Partners: Local communities

Implementation of these six high priority hazardous fuels projects will reduce the risk of wildfire to 13 communities along the Mogollon Rim. The work varies by project but includes creating fuel breaks, thinning and piling slash, mulching, and maintenance thinning and cutting.

Facilities-Hoyer Campground Reconstruction

Funding: \$1,230,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Apache

This project, using a local contractor will replace 30 year old non-accessible flush toilets with handicapped accessible vault toilets. It also includes reconstruction on campground roadways and spurs to meet accessibility requirements and access for recreational vehicles.

CALIFORNIA

Regionwide Facility Improvement Project

Funding: \$2,000,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Across CA

The project will include contracts that would improve energy efficiency, reduce water consumption, meet Title 24 and Homeland Security requirements, and address other long-standing deferred maintenance needs. This project will create much needed jobs within the deeply distressed construction industry in economically distressed areas.

Regionwide Road Maintenance Project

Funding: \$2,000,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Across CA

The work involves roadside brushing and basic deferred maintenance on primary access Forest roads. This project will provide much needed jobs in road maintenance in ten economically distressed counties across the Region.

Regionwide Trail Maintenance Project

Funding: \$3,750,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Across CA

Partners: Los Angeles Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps, Urban Youth Conservation

Corps, and CA Conservation Corps.

Three million dollars of the project will create jobs in hazardous fuels reduction, recreation area rehabilitation, trail maintenance, and facilities maintenance and will provide young adults training for careers in natural resources. The jobs will be provided by executing agreements within the existing "corps network" of Los Angeles Conservation Corps, AmeriCorps Urban Youth Conservation Corps, and California Conservation Corps in economically distressed counties in southern California.

Sierra Trails Project, Sierra NF

This \$750,000 project in Fresno and Madera counties, undertaken with part of the funding from the Regionwide Trail Maintenance Project, would create jobs that would reduce deferred trail maintenance with contracted trail crews.

Jobs Partnership and Community Wildfire Protection Project, Shasta Trinity NF

Funding: \$1,000,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Shasta, Siskiyou, Trinity Partners: CA Youth Conservation Corps

This is an integrated jobs creation proposal that will create and maintain contractor and California (Youth) Conservation Corps jobs. The project work will include fuel reduction work near communities, Forest Service recreation facilities, and access routes. The work will also maintain facilities to reduce deferred maintenance while making crews available for fires suppression when needed.

Granite Sawlog/Biomass Removal and Thinning, Stanislaus NF

Funding: \$120,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Stanislaus

This project will support small industry by funding currently unfunded options in an existing awarded multi-year Stewardship contract. Funding the option will enhance wood/biomass utilization.

Forest Biomass Transportation Grants

Funding: \$386,000 for Wildland Fire Management

This project will ensure the sustainability of critical small business wood products infrastructure capability in the Southern Sierras, an economically distressed area. The grants will provide support to enable removal and utilization of wood/biomass material.

Pacific Southwest Research Station

Facilities Improvement

Funding: \$5,444,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Partners: Fresno, Riverside, Humboldt, Fresno

Four facilities in Fresno, Riverside, and Humboldt will be upgraded to make more energy efficient.

COLORADO

Bark Beetle Mitigation in Northern CO

Funding: \$5,000,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Routt, Grand, Jackson

Partners: CO Youth Corps Association

The national forests in Colorado have partnered with the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps which hires young adults, ages 18 to 25, to work on conservation projects on private and public lands. Using ARRA funding, the forests will put 5 additional 10-person Youth Corps crews to work removing dead hazard trees from developed recreation sites and hiking trails thus opening campgrounds, recreation sites and trails which will support Colorado's tourism industry by maintaining outdoor recreational opportunities.

PSICC Phase 1 Campground Facilities Replacement

Funding: \$616,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance Counties: Chaffee, Pueblo, Custer, Teller, Park, and Lake Counties.

Project will remove dilapidated buildings which are not accessible to people with disabilities and replace them with campground toilet buildings that are handicapped accessible.

Rocky Mountain Research Station

Facilities Improvement

Funding: \$1,543,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Larimer

This project will make the lab facility more energy efficient with sustainable energy considerations including installing an alternative energy source on the roof. It will also allow for further consolidation out of leased space.

FLORIDA

Hazardous Fuel Reduction - Wildland Urban Interface

Funding: \$900,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Statewide

Partners: State Forester, Local Communities, and Fire Departments

Contract mechanical fuel reduction on both state and private lands will target high-risk communities, reducing the state's vulnerability to catastrophic wildfire and improving the health and resiliency of ecosystems. These on-the-ground activities would be accompanied by multi-media wildfire prevention and safety education outreach.

IDAHO and WYOMING

Caribou-Targhee Road Maintenance/Aquatic Passage Project

Funding: \$6,590,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Clark, Bonneville, Madison, Caribou, Bear Lake, Franklin (ID), Lincoln (WY)

Partners: County roads departments

Approximately 147 miles of roads, located in seven distressed counties in Idaho and Wyoming will receive surface replacement or improvement, drainage structure replacement or improvement, and removal of aquatic passage barriers. Besides greatly reducing road-created sediment that negatively impacts the watershed, these improvements will allow access for recreation on roads that have previously been too degraded for many passenger vehicles.

IDAHO

<u> Hazardous Fuel Reduction – Wildland Urban Interface in Northern ID</u>

Funding: \$2,300,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties 2,018 acres in the wildland urban interface (WUI) in Boundary, Benewah,

Bonner, and Kootenai

Partners: State Forester, County Fire Departments

Risk of damage or loss of private property from wildfire will be greatly mitigated by expanding existing Hazardous Fuel Treatments on private lands. Under grants to counties, these projects would treat fuels on over 2,000 acres in the wildland urban interface (WUI), restoring them to more fire adapted conditions.

KENTUCKY

Land Between the Lakes - National Recreation Area

Roads - Ice Storm Damage Recovery

Funding: \$500,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Trigg and Lyon

Partners: National Wild Turkey Federation

An ice storm in January 2009 resulted in about three weeks of lost business in communities surrounding LBL – communities already economically distressed and impacted by recent plant and retail closings and it affected the regional tourism industry, a key economic factor for the surrounding communities. A standing stewardship agreement with National Wild Turkey Federation will be used to clear roads, for debris removal and repairs, and for access into agriculture fields.

Facilities – Ice Storm Damage Recovery

Funding: \$2,000,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Trigg and Lyon

LBL will put people back to work in Lyon and Trigg counties in Kentucky by hiring plumbers, electricians, carpenters, laborers, sawyers and equipment with operators through a local contractor to repair facilities damaged by ice.

Daniel Boone National Forest

Facilities

Funding: \$558,200 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Bath, Clay, Menifee, Powel, Estill, Morgan, Rowan, Wolfe, Lee, Leslie

The heavily visited and tourism-dependant area of the Red River Gorge on the Cumberland Ranger District was impacted by the January ice storm, with damage to roads, trails and facilities. The area has already experienced the shutdown of an automotive part supplier plant and a lumber mill.

MICHIGAN

Roads, Trails, and Facilities Repair

\$3,500,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance for resurfacing and reconstruction of the Forest Highway in Delta County, MI.

MINNESOTA

<u>CIM – Roads, Trails, and Facilities Repair</u>

Partners: Minnesota Conservation Corps

\$557,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance for Trail Maintenance in Cook, Lake, St. Louis Counties.

MISSOURI

Roads, Trails, and Facilities Repair

\$2,300,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance for critical road and recreation site recovery.

\$369,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance for High Priority Road Maintenance for Public Health and Safety in multiple counties.

MONTANA

Watershed Enhancement

Funding: \$1,905,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Carbon, Park, Gallatin, Ravalli

These reconstruction projects on high use, high priority roads will contribute greatly to watershed restoration through improvement of drainage, culvert resizing, and addition of gravel to road surfaces and drainage ditches. The work will also include the replacement of aging bridges,

Roads - Montana Road Improvements

Funding: \$3,600,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Gallatin, Lincoln, Carbon

These projects will provide jobs in counties that are economically stressed due to downturns in the construction and mining industries. The project will contribute greatly to watershed restoration through improvement of drainage, culvert resizing, and addition of gravel to road surfaces and drainage ditches.

Shields River Road & Bridges Reconstruction

Funding: \$4,000,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Park

Shield River Road is a major arterial providing much needed access for the public as well as National Forest administration and has also been a candidate for Forest Highway funding. Public safety issues will be addressed through this project which will also provide enhanced protection to fisheries and water quality through reconstruction and maintenance of one bridge and a number of other drainage structures.

NEVADA

Hazardous Fuels Reduction-Biomass Energy Enhancement

Funding: \$1,314,100 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Lincoln, White Pine

Partners: State of NV, Rural NV Development corp., Univ of Nevada at Reno-Business

Environmental Program, D. Watt Industries

7802 acres of public lands will be treated to reduce hazardous fuels and improve the health of forest and rangeland ecosystems and reduce the risk of fire to communities. Woody biomass

resulting from forest treatments will be utilized by a local pellet mill, and utilization and marketing options will be expanded to create sustainable industry.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Roads, Trails, and Facilities Repair

Partners: Appalachian Mt. Club; Dartmouth Outing Club

\$100,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance for Forest-wide Trails Maintenance in Grafton, Coos, Carroll counties.

NEW MEXICO

Abandoned Mines-Nacimiento Mine Cleanup

Funding: \$1,100,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Sandoval

Partners: Community of Cuba, New Mexico

This project is a hazardous material groundwater cleanup in Cuba, New Mexico. where more than 225,000 gallons of acidic solution was injected into the ground from 1984 to 1991. The area's groundwater resources are limited in volume and of very high quality except at the site so this remedial action supports increased economic opportunities and improved quality of life in the area by treating the surface/ground water for human consumption and for use by the small farmer/ rancher.

Hazardous Fuels Reduction in NM

Funding: \$3,699,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Otero

Partners: Mescalero Apache Tribe

This project will reduce hazardous fuels and protect communities on and around the Mescalero Apache Reservation in New Mexico.

OHIO

Roads, Trails, and Facilities Repair

\$400,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance for solar panels additions at the Athens facility.

OREGON

Youth Employment Initiative

Funding: \$3,250,000 for Wildland Fire Management

\$3,250,000 for Capital Improvements and Maintenance

Counties: Across OR

Partners: Job Corps, Northwest Youth Corps, State of OR

Youth would be hired through the Oregon Youth Employment Initiative for conducting work in forest natural resource conservation and restoration projects over a two-year period. The employment experience covers two program areas operating within the existing structure of youth organizations in Oregon for conservation and education.

Fuels Reduction and Biomass Projects Across 6 Counties

Funding: \$10,000,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Jefferson, Deschutes, Crook

Partners: Counties

Jobs will be created to conduct treatments including a variety of labor-intensive tasks such as hazardous fuels reduction, pre-commercial thinning, pruning, handpiling, burning handpiles, underburning, roadside fuels reduction, and chipping on 52,983 acres. Biomass would be used to reduce non-renewable energy consumption.

UTAH

Uinta-Wasatch-Cach NF Road Improvement

Funding: \$11,600,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Utah, Cache, Box Elder, Juab Partners: County road departments

This project will improve 165 miles of National Forest System roads and will create much needed construction jobs in northern Utah. The project includes road surface treatments, culvert replacements and improved drainage. This will result in an increase in business activity – food, lodging, gasoline - in towns surrounding the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

WASHINGTON

Olympic Peninsula Structure Restoration

Funding: \$500,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Grays, Harbor

Jobs will be created to complete necessary repairs and refurbishing on historic and non-historic structures located throughout the Olympic Peninsula, including interior and exterior cleaning and painting, flooring, roofing, and other measures needed to restore the buildings to current health and safety standards. Contracting to small businesses and job creation are expected in communities located across the Hood Canal and Pacific Ranger Districts.

Pacific Northwest Research Station

Facilities Improvement

Funding: \$260,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance

Counties: Thurston

Windows will be replaced to make building more energy efficient.

WISCONSIN

Roads, Trails, and Facilities Repair

\$200,000 for Capital Improvement and Maintenance for facilities upgrading at the Rheinlander facility.